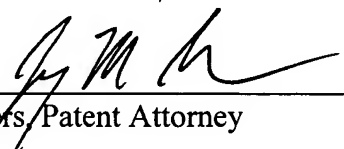


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Sir:

A Petition and Fee for a two-month Extension of Time through and including June 26, 2006, accompanies this Response.

In response to the office action dated January 26, 2006, reconsideration is respectfully requested. Please amend the subject application as follows: